Source: Data as reported by CPCB/SPCBs/NEERI/Agencies under National Air Quality Monitoring Programme

Note: '-' Data not available

BDL - Below Detection Limit (*i.e.* less than 4 micrograms per cubic metre for SO_2 and less than 9 micrograms per cubic metre for NO_2).

*-Data for 2005 for, Patna, Kanpur, Pune, and Varanasi is average of data available as on date.

National Ambient Air Quality Standard for Residential Areas (Annual average) for SO_2, NO_2 and RSPM=60 microgramme per cubic metre.

*-Data for Bangalore is average of Jan. to Aug., 2004.

Persons Convicted for Poaching

3711. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons convicted for poaching under Wild Life Protection Act in different States since the date of enforcement of the Act;

(b) the number of persons acquitted or discharged for the offences of poaching, State-wise; and

(c) the number of persons convicted for killing protected species, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and would be laid on the Table of the House.

Study regarding increasing Pollution in Yamuna

†3712. SHRI JAI PARKASH AGGARWAL: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Pollution Control Research Institute has conducted or propose to conduct a deep study with regard to increasing pollution in the Yamuna river;

(b) if so, the outcomes thereof and the recommendations made in the said study;

(c) what is Government's reaction thereto; and

(d) the effective steps being taken by Government to check the increasing pollution in the yamuna river?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) The Pollution control Research Institute at Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (Hardwar) has not

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.